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BIRTHS.

On the 17th April, at Singapore, the wife of D. C. WILKIE, of T. P. Dock Co., Ltd., of a daughter.
On the 21st April, at Shanghai, the wife of S. E. GREEN, of a daughter.
On the 25th April, at Shanghai, the wife of A. W. BARR, of a son.
On the 28th April, at Kowloon, the wife of Captain TULLOCH, Royal Artillery, of a son.
At 16, Kramat Road, Tang'in, the wife of JOHN F. OEHLENS, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 11th April, at the Danish Consulate, and afterwards at the Union Church, Shanghai, CARL PEDERSEN HENDRIKSEN (Upper Yangtze Pilot), to ELVIRA MARIA HAGELIN, Stockholm.
On the 15th April, Han'ow, at the French Consulate, and afterwards at St. Joseph's Cathedral, IDA ELIZABETH LOWATT, to JEAN DE CARBONEL.
On the 18th April, at St. John's Church, Han'ow, by the Rev. A. M. Shorman, ROBERT ALBERT MAY, to CECIL JANET INNES PTM.
On the 21st April, at the Union Church, Hongkong, by the Rev. C. H. Hickling, GEORGE ANDREW BURN, of Edinburgh, Scotland, to NELLY, the widow of JOHN JOSEPH LILLIE, of Preston, England, and daughter of FRANCIS GEORGE HICKS, of Bangkok, Siam.
On the 25th April, at Shanghai, ALBERT EDMUND ALGAR, of Shanghai, to RUTH MARION, youngest daughter of the late GEORGE LOWDAY SKINNER.

DEATHS.

On the 10th April, at Nagasaki, Captain J. A. KOCK, late Secretary of the German Consulate, Nagasaki, aged 58 years.
On the 15th April, at Penang, W. H. PENGLEY, Overseer of Works, Penang Municipality, aged 38 years.
On the 16th April, at Nagasaki, RICHARD ANDREW FORD, aged 75 years.
On the 17th April, at Grassdale, Mrs. ELLEN BROWN, late of Singapore, aged 75 years.
On the 23rd April, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, PAUL HERMANN, of Erfurt, aged 22 years.
On the 25th April, at Shanghai, ALEXANDER, son of the late SAMUEL YOUNG, I.M. Customs Service, aged 25 years.

HONGKONG.

The number of plague cases in the Colony from January 1st to date is returned at 431.

Acting Police Inspectors Smith, Langley, and Kerr have been promoted to the rank of Inspector.

A little child fell through the railings of a verandah in Remedios Terrace on the 24th ult. and was killed.

Mr. W. Farmer has secured a lease of the Boa Vista Hotel at Macao for five years. Only two tenders were received, that sent in by Mr. Farmer offering a yearly sum of \$4,225.

Chan Chung, who "dumped" the body of his son, a plague victim, was fined \$100 at the Magistracy on the 25th ult. for the offence. The alternative was two months' hard labour.

We learn that R. P. Moffitt, the ex-secretary of the Dairy Farm Company, Ltd., against whom embezzlement is alleged, is returning to the Colony by the steamer *Indrapura* in charge of Lance-Sergeant Earner, of the Hongkong police detective staff.

Mr. J. M. Henderson, foreman boilermaker at the Kowloon Docks, who is going home on leave on Wednesday, by the German mail steamer, was entertained to dinner in the Kowloon Hotel on the 25th ult. night by several members of the European staff of the Dock.

The hearing of the charge against the Chinaman who is accused of complicity in the murder of Yeung Ku Wan, the Reformer, in his house at Gage Street two years ago, was resumed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Police Magistrate, is taking place within closed doors.

The death is announced at Colombo of Mr. Hercules J. Scott, of the firm of Messrs. Bosanquet & Co. Mr. Scott went to Colombo from Hongkong nearly ten years ago as Accountant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. He had been some years in Hongkong where, for a portion of the time he was in business as a stockbroker, but had re-joined the Bank staff shortly before going to Ceylon.

Two public auction sales of Crown land took place at the offices of the Public Works Department this week. The first piece disposed of was Garden Lot No. 19, which did not excite any competition; it went to Mr. J. R. Michael for \$68—\$20 above the upset price. There was more spirited bidding for the second lot No. 1683. The upset price was \$3,460, and the sum fetched was \$4,000. Mr. Wong Lai Sang taking over the ground at that figure.

A brass tablet bearing the following inscription has been added to the marble memorial to Dr. Chalmers in the Union Church:—"Dr. Chalmers was one of the pioneer missionaries of the London Missionary Society in South China (Canton 1852-79; Hongkong 1879-99). An eminent Chinese scholar, he was the Author of several works of monumental research, the most important of which was his *Kaungbi Dictionary*, while his crowning effort, and the great joy of his later years, was the preparation of his revised Chinese New Testament. Conspicuous for his noble simplicity of character, he proclaimed by his life that gospel of Jesus Christ which it was his supreme purpose to make known."

On the 25th ult. night Mr. W. Ramsay, superintendent engineer with Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, was entertained to dinner in the Hongkong Hotel. A large party assembled, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. Ramsay leaves on holiday by the next German mail.

A variety concert was given in the hall of the Catholic Union on the 25th ult. evening. There was a good attendance, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Miss and Mr. Danenberg opened with a piano duet entitled "Euryanthe," and their rendering was perfect in every way; then sentimental and comic songs were given by Miss Alves, Messrs. W. J. Terrill, Frank Francis, M. J. Danenberg, F. X. Lopes, Döckres, and Rogers, who were equally successful in the parts they rendered. The trio of Mr. L. Buchwaldy on the violin, Mr. G. Koenig on the violoncello, and Mr. Emil Danenberg on the piano was very much appreciated, and Professor Garibaldi gave exhibitions of card and sleight-of-hand tricks which were warmly applauded. The concert concluded with a musical sketch by the Francis Brothers, whose performance was very clever and enjoyable.

At the Magistracy on the 25th ult. Mr. N. G. Nolan, Police interpreter, was made the recipient of a handsome present in the shape of a pair of valuable prismatic binoculars, on the occasion of his departure for twelve months' leave at home. Mr. J. M. Gutierrez, the Second Clerk, made the presentation, and in doing so wished Mr. Nolan *bon voyage*, a happy holiday and a safe return. Mr. Nolan thanked the donors for their gift and referring to the pleasant relations existing in the office said he had to thank Mr. A. Samad for the kindness he had always extended towards him. The binocular case bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. N. G. Nolan, on his departure to England, by the staff of the Magistracy, the European members of the Police, and friends. Hongkong, 29th April, 1903." Among those present at the presentation ceremony were Inspector W. G. Warnock, Inspector W. L. Ford, Mr. J. J. Spooner and Mr. A. Samad. Mr. Nolan will leave by the *Kiauchou* on the 22nd ult.

The departure from her wharf at Kowloon of the German mail steamer *Kiautschou*, homeward bound, was marked by an unusual and exciting incident. As a glance at the passenger list will show, she carries several Hongkong residents whose friends assembled in considerable numbers to wave a last good-bye and to shout a parting farewell. They were congregated at the end of the wharf, a good point of vantage for occasions of the kind, and as the big liner cast off the restraining cables and slowly gathered way fluttering handkerchiefs waved messages of good-will from ship and shore. Then came the excitement. Caught by the current and not having gathered sufficient speed to resist its force, the *Kiautschou's* stern swung round against the wharf at the place occupied by those who had come to see her off. There was an ominous grinding and tearing as the stout timbers were displaced by the mighty weight of the steamer, but the sight-seers had had warning and escaped to safety in time. The damage to the wharf is not serious, and a repairing gang were quickly at work to put everything right.